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FRENCH APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN DRAPER LABORATORY
AND ONERA RESEARCH CENTER AT TOULOUSE

1. ON 15 MAY SCICON LEARNED THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS OFFICIALLY APPROVED A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ONERA (FRENCH AVIATION RESEARCH AGENCY) CENTER OF STUDIES AND RESEARCH AT TOULOUSE (C.E.R.T.) AND THE CHARLES STARK DRAPER LABORATORY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.

2. THESE TWO NON-PROFIT MAKING ASSOCIATIONS ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF SIGNING CONTRACTS CONFIRMING THIS ARRANGEMENT, WHICH FORMALIZES AND BROADENS SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN AUTOMATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. IT CALLS FOR THE TWO PARTIES TO: A) EXCHANGE UNCLASSIFIED STUDIES; B) EXAMINE STUDIES WHICH COULD BE MADE JOINTLY BY POOLING THE UNIQUE CAPABILITIES OF EACH LABORATORY; C) FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS; D) AND JOINTLY ASSUME THEIR RESPECTIVE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE COMMERCIAL COOPERATION. ITS DURATION WILL BE FOUR YEARS FROM THE TIME OF SIGNING WITH THE OPTION OF RENEWAL BEING LEFT OPEN.

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3. COMMENT: EFFECTIVE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS HAVE EXISTED

FOR SOME TIME BETWEEN THESE TWO CENTERS. WITH THE FORMAL-
IZATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP, C.E.R.T. WILL PROBABLY RE-
CEIVE MORE RECOGNITION FOR ITS ACTIVITIES FROM THE
FRENCH RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT AND PERHAPS GREATER
BUDGETARY SUPPORT.
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